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May 6, 2008

John Sprague, RPC Chair  
301 Ridge Road  
Marshfield, ME 04654

Dear Mr. Sprague:

Thank you for your letter received March 19, 2008 in which you provided an update on the status of the Reorganization Plan which includes East Machias School Department, MSAD 19, Union 102 and Union 134

As you know, the 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislature ended its session on April 18, 2008. Although the legislation enacted regarding school administrative reorganization does not go into effect until July 18, 2008, Sec. 31. of PL 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX, Section 36, subsection 6, A-1, permits me to authorize a unit to serve 1,200 or fewer students but not less than 1,000 in an isolated rural community. Therefore, I am approving the Notice of Intent filed by East Machias School Department, MSAD 19, Union 102 and Union 134 so that you may immediately begin your work toward filing a reorganization plan. If you plan to file a reorganization plan with an alternative organizational structure, please refile a Notice of Intent with the Department indicating this.

Please submit your Reorganization Plan Submittal Sheet, Reorganization Plan Cover Sheet (checklist), and Reorganization Plan by Friday, June 13, 2008.

In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact Ray Poulin or Norm Higgins of our Reorganization Team. They may be reached by phone at 624-6802.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Gendron  
Commissioner of Education

cc: Scott Porter, Superintendent, Union 102/East Machias School Department  
Michael Buckley, Superintendent, MSAD 19  
May Bouchard, Superintendent, Union 134  
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